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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 9519

E. O. 11652: GDS-1979
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SUBJ: C-123 B AIRCRAFT

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1. WE CONSIDER IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO OFFER TWO EXECSS C- 123 B AIRCRAFT (REFTEL) TO RTG IN CONTEXT USG CONTINUING SPECIAL EFFORTS TO LESSEN IMPACT OF REDUCED MAP. PROPOSE AIRCRAFT BE PRIVINDED AS-IS CONDITION BUT DELIVERED IN THAILAND WITH CLEAR UNDERSTANDING REFURBISHING WOULD HAVE TO BE AT RTG EXPENSE, THUS AVOIDING FY-74 MAP COST. WE RECOMMEND IMMIEDIATE DECISION TO OFFER AIRCRAFT TO RTG TO PERMIT, CONTINGENT ON THAI ACCEPTANCE, INCLUDION OF THESE EXCESS C-123 B' S IN FY 73 EDA ACCOINTING.

2. IN ADDITION TO CONSIDERABLE US BENEFIT IN OFSETTING MAP REDUCTIONS, PROVISON OF ADDED C-123 B CAPABILITY IS CONSISTENT WITH MUTUAL EFFORTS TO UPDATE RTAF AIRLIFT FORCE. THAI ARE ALREADY AWARE THAT EXCESS C-123' S ARE BEING PROVIDED OTHER PACIFIC ALLIES. THESE B MODELS, WHICH THEY CURRENTLY OPERATE, PLUS THE EIGHT K MODELS BEING DELIVERED WILL HOPEFULLY CONVINCE THEM THAT THE US IS TREATING THEM EQUITABLY IN DISTRIBUTING C-123 EXCESSES.

3. SINCE EARLY 1972 WHEN US AGREED TO PROVIDE TWO EXCESS C-123 B' S TO OFFSET RTAF AIRCRAFT IN JAPAN SUPPORTING " U. N. FORCES" AND LTG
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KRIANGSAK AGREED TO CONSULT PRIOR ANY CHANGE TO THIS COMMITMENT (BANGKOK 5570, 21 APR 72), THAIS HAVE PERIODICALLY TOLD US ABOUT DIFFICULTIES IN MAINTAINING C-123 U. N, SUPPORT. OFFER OF TWO ADDITIONAL C-123 B' S COULD BE IMPORTANT ADDITIOAL ENCOURAGEMENT TO CONTINUE RTAF U. N. SUPPORT .
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